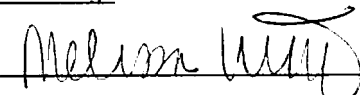


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**Response**

In response to the Non-Final Office action of August 11, 2006, the Applicant submits the following remarks and/or amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include attached annotated and/or replacement sheets.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.**